

Forest Land- Gadchiroli

Diversion of 1.6425 ha. Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-380, ODR-24, MDR-23 and NH-130D from Gatta Village Boundary to Hemalkasa in Etapalli and Bhamragad Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR-114/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 19.05.2023**

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/ ID-418736/ 69/2023-24, Dated:-06/04/2023.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 1.6425 ha. Forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-380, ODR-24, MDR-23 and NH-130D from Gatta Village Boundary to Hemalkasa in Etapalli and Bhamragad Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-Principle**' approval to the diversion of 1.6425 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-380, ODR-24, MDR-23 and NH-130D from Gatta Village Boundary to Hemalkasa in Etapalli and Bhamragad Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Details of Forest Land Required						Legal Status of Land
		Survey No.	Comp. No.	Length (mts.)	Width (mts.)	Area		
						Sq. Mtr	Hact.	
1	Block Forest	-	GA454	1800	0.5	900	0.0900	RF/PF
2	Mohandi	-	GA465	1000	0.5	500	0.0500	RF/PF
3	Block Forest	-	GA 464	2000	0.5	1000	0.1000	RF/PF
		-	GA 480	800	0.5	400	0.0400	RF/PF
		-	GA 463,GA 449	1100	0.5	550	0.0550	RF/PF
4	Badsi	-	GA485,GA486	2200	0.5	1100	0.1100	RF/PF

5	Kothi (S)	11	GA485	1600	0.5	800	0.0800	RF/PF
		144	GA510	2850	0.5	1425	0.1425	RF/PF
6	Pidmili	29	GA510	650	0.5	325	0.0325	RF/PF
			GA509	2050	0.5	1025	0.1025	RF/PF
		11	GA511	2150	0.5	1075	0.1075	RF/PF
7	Halver	14, 4	GA525	1500	0.5	750	0.0750	RF/PF
		10	GA524	300	0.5	150	0.0150	RF/PF
			GA526	1100	0.5	550	0.0550	RF/PF
			GA527	600	0.5	300	0.0300	RF/PF
8	Kiyar	94	GA527	1700	0.5	850	0.0850	RF/PF
		94,68,52	GA528	800	0.5	400	0.0400	RF/PF
		115, 22	GA529	1900	0.5	950	0.0950	RF/PF
9	Karampalli	129	TA532	800	0.5	400	0.0400	RF/PF
			TA531	1700	0.5	850	0.0850	RF/PF
10	Hemalkasa	168, 177	TA531	500	0.5	250	0.0250	RF/PF
			TA569	3750	0.5	1875	0.1875	RF/PF
				32850			1.6425	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land at village- Block Forest (Comp. No. GA454, GA464, GA480, GA463, GA449), village- Mohandi (Comp. No. GA465), village- Badsa (Comp. No. GA485 & 486), village- Kiyar (Survey No. 52) along with Stage-I compliance.
- 3) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
- 4) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 5) If User Agency has not submitted bank guarantee or paid security deposit with concern road authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 6) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good

any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

- 7) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 8) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 9) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 10) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 11) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 12) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 13) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 14) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 15) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 16) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 17) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 18) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 19) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 20) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 21) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 22) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
- 23) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202305191822295519. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(**Ganesh Jadhao**)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:-

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragarh.
11. M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune.
12. Select File (F-10).